

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) Loading apparatus for a vehicle, with comprising a loading floor provisioned in a loading area of the vehicle with including elements for lifting an outer edge of the loading floor over a loading edge, wherein the elements for lifting ~~exhibit~~ include a slant along the outer edge for supporting the loading floor on the loading edge during lifting, and with guide linkage for the loading floor, wherein a ~~roll or~~ slide element is provisioned in the region of loading edge, and wherein the ~~roll or~~ slide element is effective both when lifting loading floor and when loading floor is moved horizontally out of the loading area of the vehicle.
2. (Original) Loading apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the roll or slide element is provisioned on the loading edge, where slide ball or roller is driven over when the loading floor is lifted and during the horizontal movement of the loading floor.
3. (Original) Loading apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the slant is provisioned on the face of the loading floor that lies across from the loading edge in the retracted state.
4. (Original) Loading apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the guide linkage is provisioned along the lengthwise-running sides of the loading area and is configured with a spacing element provisioned at the first end region of the loading floor, which is configured for engaging the guide linkage.
5. (Original) Loading apparatus according to claim 1, wherein a drive mechanism is provisioned on one of the body of the vehicle and the lower side of the loading floor for driving the loading floor into or out of the loading area of the vehicle.
6. (Original) Loading apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the spacing element exhibits steering devices, provisioned on the side walls of the loading floor, where shaft is held by the steering devices, and where drive elements engage guide linkage.

7. (Original) Loading apparatus according to claim 1, wherein elements are provisioned for steering a toothed belt or V-belt, and for keeping it taught.

8. (New) A loading floor for a vehicle comprising:

a first end including a spacing element; and

a second end including a slant member positioned along an outer edge of the second end, wherein the spacing element and slant member vertically raise the first and second ends over a loading edge of the vehicle as the loading floor is extended from the vehicle.

9. (New) A loading floor as set forth in claim 8 further comprising a guide linkage affixed to the vehicle and engaging the spacing element such that the spacing element is slideable along the guide linkage, the guide linkage including an angled section and a horizontal section, wherein the spacing element and the angled section service to raise the first end of the loading floor.

10. (New) A loading floor as set forth in claim 9, wherein the first end of the loading floor is raised a distance at least equal to a thickness of the loading floor.

11. (New) A loading floor as set forth in claim 8, further comprising a drive mechanism operably connected to the spacing element.

12. (New) A loading floor as set forth in claim 8, wherein the slant is at an angle with respect to an upper side surface of the loading floor.

13. (New) A loading floor as set forth in claim 12, wherein the slant angle is about 25-60 degrees.